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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 20, 2002** finally rejecting claims in the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 2 and 3 as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A folding container comprising side walls disposed in a fashion surrounding a bottom portion of the folding container and which can be folded so as to overlap the bottom portion, the side walls each having engagement frame sections formed thereon for engaging the adjacent side walls so that, when stood up perpendicularly with respect to the bottom portion, the side walls will not fall down inward, the bottom portion has locking blocks formed thereon on which the bottom portion of a stacked folded folding container can be fitted, the side walls each have recesses formed therein and each having an open underside into which a cooperating locking block of an assembled folding container can be received, and the engagement frame sections being